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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER INSTITUTE

REF: PARIS A-1033: STATE 106316

1. DEPT DESIGNATES DR. EDGAR PIRET, AMEMBASSY PARIS AS US REP TO OCT 20-21 MEETING IN PARIS ON DEVELOPING AN INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER INSTITUTE. NO OTHER US REP CONTEMPLATED.

2. USG POSITION WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE SHOULD BE COOPERATIVE BUT NON-COMMITTAL. WE MAINTAIN A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIABLE ORGANIZATION, HOWEVER WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DESIGNATE OR OFFER AFFILIATED INSTITUTE OR TO MAKE COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE AT THIS TIME. US DELEGATE MAY INDICATE THAT HE IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE DEVELOPED AT THIS TIME. DRAFT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION ON ITS MERITS. WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN EXPLORING POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF US EXPERT FOR POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY E.G., DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE. SHOULD QUESTION COME UP BUT CANNOT GIVE COMMITMENT THAT

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SUITABLE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE AVAILABLE.

3. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT THAT THE CENTER SHOULD BE A EUROPEAN INITIATIVE, WITH THE US WILLING TO CONSIDER COOPERATION IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY AFTER ITS FORMATION, BUT NOT IN A POSITION TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ESTABLISHING OR FUNDING THE INSTITUTE. LATER US PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTITUTE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE FORM ENVISAGED IN STATE 106316; E.G. EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFO AND SCIENTISTS AND POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO STAFFING THROUGH FELLOWSHIPS. ANY FUTURE US COOPERATION BEYOND THAT OUTLINED IS PROBLEMATIC. IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED LIMITED ROLE OF US, WE WOULD CONSIDER IT QUITE APPROPRIATE FOR US NOT BE LISTED AS AN INVITING RPT INVITING COUNTRY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

4. ON QUESTION OF FORM THAT PROPOSED CENTER WILL TAKE, I.E., GOVERNMENTAL, PRIVATE, MIXED, WE RESERVE OUR ADVICE PENDING SUBMISSION OF SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT SUMMARIZING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES.

5. REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS.

WE FEEL THAT INSTITUTE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY INITIAL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WITH QUESTION OF FUTURE LINKS TO EASTERN EUROPE DEFERRED UNTIL ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTE IS A REALITY. THE POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OF SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY TO EASTERN EUROPE, PRESENTS MANY PROBLEMS FOR THE USG AND COULD AFFECT OUR OWN COOPERATION WITH THE CENTER. THE QUESTION OF LINKS WITH EASTERN EUROPE MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ORGANIZATION FORM WHICH INSTITUTE WILL TAKE. ROGERS

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